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### TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS NOTED

WARSAW - ZYRARDOW RAIL LINE PROGRESSING ... Zycis Warszawa, No 225, 17 Aug 49

Work on the electric railway between Warsaw and Zyrardow is progressing rapidly and, at present, is concentrating on the section between the Central Station (Dworzec Główny) and Radom Viaduct. Two sections of the tunnel in front of Bemza Street have been covered, 60 percent of the excavation work between Towarowa Street and Radom Viaduct has been completed, and a new viaduct is under construction.

Equipment previously used on the East-West Artery is now employed in this work. About 1,000 cubic meters of dirt are removed daily on narrow-gauge and standard-gauge lines. Excavation work will soon be conducted in two shifts. It is expected, that on 1 January 1950, the first electric train will start to run between Warsaw and Zyrardow.

MODEL STATION OPENED IN TCZEW -- Zycie Warszawy, No 223, 15 Aug 49

On 14 August 1949, 3 months ahead of schedule, a model railway station was opened in Tozew, Gdansk Wojewodztwo. The station has modern equipment to provide the best passenger and freight service.

CONSULTING OFFICES TO AID RAIL PERSONNEL -- Trybuna Ludu, No 225, 17 Aug 49

The Association of Communication Engineers and Technicians is opening consulting offices to supply technical information to workers who try to introduce improved methods. There are 37 offices already active in the Slask region.

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WISLA, WARTA NAVIGATION EXTENDED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 225, 17 Aug 49

At present, 13 passenger ships operate on a regular schedule on the Wisla. Ten ships provide transportation on the Mazury Lakes. Passenger traffic has increased 100 percent over last year. Navigation routes on the Wisla river reach as far as Gdansk in the north and as far as Jozefow Lubelski in the south.

The merchant fleet on the Warta River carries building material for Poznan, imported pyrites for Ziemia Lubuska, and wood floated from the Odra River. Gravel and sand are transported in great quantities to Warsaw, greatest consuming center of all building material.

Shipyards are working at full speed, especially the Plock shipyard, where old vessels are overhauled and new ones built.

A passenger boat sunk in 1939 will be salvaged and put in operation under the name of Ludwik Warynski before the end of the year. The Warsaw shipyard is also working intensively; new and repaired boats and barges are leaving the shops every day.

NEW W-Z ROUTE RELIEVES WARSAW'S TRAFFIC CONGESTION -- Zycie Warszawy, No 226, 18 Aug 49

The W-Z Route, opened to traffic a month ago, is an important highway artery which shortens the traveling distance from east to west in Warsaw and its suburbs, thereby cutting down gasoline consumption. Four thousand automobiles and several hundred street cars travel over this route daily. In addition, hundreds of horse-drawn wagons travel over the Slask-Dabrowa bridge (part of W-Z Route), carting away the rubble from the city. The W-Z Route has lightened Warsaw's traffic somewhat but has by no means solved the city's transportation difficulties.

Warsaw's traffic situation from north to south is by far the worst. Marszalkowska Street is the only direct route between these two points and is too narrow to accommodate the increasing traffic.

For July, figures showed that the number of vehicles in Warsaw has increased by 604 and will continue to increase in the future.

NEW NORTH-SOUTH ARTERY PLANNED FOR WARSAW -- Zycie Warszawy, No 219, 11 Aug 49

Warsaw is to get a new artery running north and south along Chalubiskiego Street, over the viaduct on Aleje Jerozolimskie, to Rady Narodowej Street. This will provide rapid transit from Mokotow to the downtown section and will relieve traffic congestion on Marszalkowska Street. Aleje Jerozolimskie will be extended to the Western Railway Station (Dworzec Zachodni).

NEW TROLLEYBUS LINE IN WARSAW -- Zycie Warszawy, No 225, 17 Aug 49

A new trolley bus line, 3.5 kilometers long, will run along Aleja Niepodleglosci and connect settlements in Mokotow with the downtown city center.

Construction work on cables, carbarns, and tracks is also progressing.

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NEW STREETCAR LINES IN LODZ -- Zycie Warszawy, No 217, 9 Aug 49

New trolley lines will provide communications between the Lodz business center and suburban districts populated by workers. In recent months a new line was started on Dabrowska Street. More recently another line was activated on Lagiewnicka Street to Radogoszcz. The entire population, including many adolescent teams, has taken part in this work.

NEW SERVICE DEPOT FOR WARSAW BUSES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 225, 17 Aug 49

The new service depot located at Murcinow suburb, Zoliborska Street will consist of a garage and repair shop, 128 x 70 meters each. The repair shop will have all the latest improvements. It will be entirely new, of reinforced concrete, and stand on so-called "pillows," that is, foundation will be laid only at load points. The garage, built on an old prewar foundation, will be of metal construction. It will accommodate 130 buses and will be ready for operation the end of next year.

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